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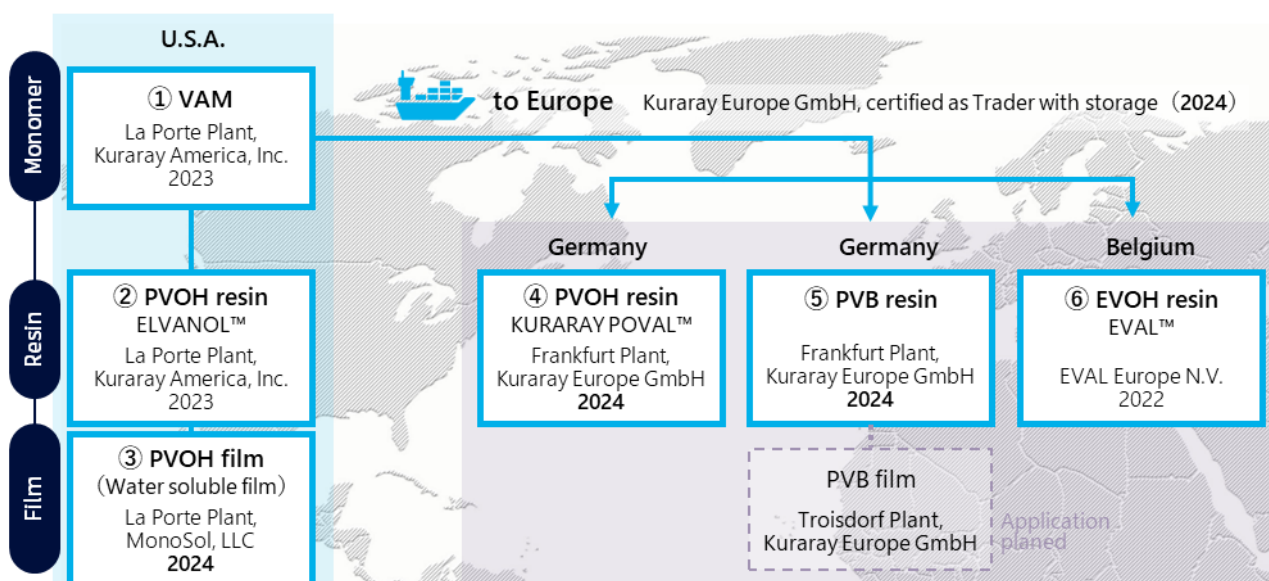
Kuraray Acquires ISCC PLUS Certification

Creating a Certified Supply Chain Starting with Vinyl Acetate Monomer (VAM) Produced at the U.S. La Porte Plant

Kuraray Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Hitoshi Kawahara) hereby announces that as of October 2024, six vinyl acetate-related products at four Group companies across four production bases in Europe and the United States have been certified under ISCC PLUS^{*1}, an internationally recognized certification program for sustainable products. This marks the establishment of a certified supply chain in Europe and the United States starting with vinyl acetate monomer (VAM) produced at the U.S. La Porte Plant.

In the United States, certification was acquired for all products from VAM through PVOH resin to water soluble films. In Europe, Kuraray Europe GmbH acquired trader certification and major plants that produce all three types of resin under the Vinyl Acetate Company of Kuraray (PVOH resin, PVB resin, and ethylene vinyl alcohol polymer (EVOH) resin) acquired certification.

With this certification, Kuraray will start selling ISCC PLUS certified vinyl acetate-related products, which are allocated sustainable raw materials using the mass balance method^{*2}. Moving forward, Kuraray will continue advancing efforts to acquire certification for PVB film products and products manufactured at bases in Japan, aiming to achieve ISCC PLUS certification across a wider global supply chain.



ISCC PLUS Certification list — Vinyl Acetate Company

SITE	Location	Output material(s)	SCOPE	Valid from
La Porte Plant Kuraray America, Inc.	Houston, Texas, U.S.A.	① VAM ② PVOH resin Brand name: ELVANOL™	Specialty chemical plant Warehouse	Nov. 2023
La Porte Plant MonoSol, LLC	La Porte, Indiana, U.S.A.	③ PVOH film (Water soluble film)	Processing unit, Converter	July 2024
Frankfurt Plant Kuraray Europe GmbH	Frankfurt, Germany	④ PVOH resin Brand name: KURARAY POVAL™ ⑤ PVB resin Brand name: MOWITAL®	Polymerization Plant	Oct. 2024
EVAL Europe N.V.	Antwerp, Belgium	⑥ EVOH resin Brand name: EVAL™	Polymerization Plant	May 2022
Kuraray Europe GmbH	Hattersheim, Germany		Trader with storage	Jan, 2024

Reference: Company Profile

Kuraray America, Inc.

100% owned subsidiary of Kuraray Holdings U.S.A., Inc.

Headquarters: Houston, Texas, U.S.A., President: Takaharu Kawahara

MonoSol, LLC

100% owned subsidiary of MonoSol Holdings, Inc.

Headquarters: Merrillville, Indiana, U.S.A., President: Christian Herrmanns

Kuraray Europe GmbH

100% owned subsidiary of Kuraray Co., Ltd.

Headquarters: Hattersheim am Main Germany, President: Dr. Matthias Gutweiler

EVAL Europe N.V.

100% owned subsidiary of Kuraray Europe GmbH

Headquarters: Beveren (Melsele), Belgium, President: Berend Bootsma

Kuraray is implementing its medium-term management plan “PASSION 2026” as a five-year plan leading up to the centennial of its founding in 2026. The Company will continue to expand its lineup of products that contribute to the natural and living environments, with the aim of realizing the long-term “Kuraray Vision 2026,” namely, being a “Specialty Chemical Company growing sustainably by incorporating new foundational platforms into its own technologies and contributing to customers, society, and the planet.”

*1 ISCC PLUS:

International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) is an internationally recognized certification program for sustainability and carbon emissions. ISCC PLUS is especially designed to ensure that certified items, which are bio-based or recycled raw materials and products marketed in the EU and elsewhere in the world, are properly managed throughout their supply chains in terms of sustainability and CO₂ emissions.

*2 Mass-balance approach:

A method for assessing the sustainability of products made using multiple types of raw materials, including biomass and recycled raw materials as well as fossil-based raw materials. In this method, characteristics of sustainable raw materials (e.g., biomass and recycled raw materials) included in finished products are taken into account in a manner that reflects the proportional volume of such raw materials.

We pledge our commitment to comply with the ISCC PLUS requirements, in accordance with the latest ISCC regulations, and to avoid the practice of double counting our environmental contributions.